

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

The instant preliminary amendment is filed to present new claims 22 - 29 for examination. New claims 22 - 29 are similar to allowed claims 46 - 53 in the parent case, except that the word "system" in claims 46 - 53 has been replaced with the word "device" in claims 22 - 29. Support for the change may be found in the specification, for example, in the description of FIG. 4 beginning on page 11, line 17 which contains a discussion of two devices (processor A and processor B) attempting to write to the same memory address. No new matter has been added. Also, the word "step" has been removed from claims 22 - 29.

An early favorable Office action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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